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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NI, EFIN, ETRN

SUBJECT: EXIMBANK-NIGERIAN AIRWAYS DELINQUENCIES

REF: LAGOS 9769

1. ON DECEMBER 10 I BROUGHT TO ATTENTION MEA PERMANENT SECRETARY JOE IYALLA MATTER OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS/ FMG DELINQUENCIES IN REPAYMENTS TO EXIM, STRESSING OVER- ALL FOREIGN RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS OF SUSPENSION DISBURSEMENTS AND POSSIBLE ISSUANCE LETTER OF DEMAND. IYALLA EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION THAT ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES HIS COLLEAGUES OTHER MINISTRIES ARE "ARE INADEQUATE AND INEFFICIENT." STATED OBVIOUS FACT THAT AVAILABILITY MONEY NOT IN QUESTION. REALIZED THAT IMPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND FMG ARE AS IMPORTANT FOR FMG CONSIDERATION AS COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS. PROMISED PERSONAL INTERVENTION WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON DECEMBER 11.

2. COMMENT: AFTER THIS CONVERSATION SEEMS CLEARER THAN EVER THAT IN ADDITION TO ADMINISTRATIVE CHAOS THERE IS ALSO DISPUTE  
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BETWEEN NIGERIA AIRWAYS AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DETERMINATION OF LATTER MAKE AIRWAYS STEW, EVEN AT RISK EXIM/CHASE PENALTIES.

HOWEVER, THIS COURSE DECIDELY OPPOSED BY IYALLA AND OTHERS  
PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EXTERNAL RELATIONS. I HAVE NO DOUBT  
THAT HE WILL INTERCEDE, BUT RESULTS HIS EFFORTS WITHOUT FURTHER  
INTERVENTION OUR PART REMAIN BE SEEN. WILL CONTINUE CLOSE  
MONITORING AND REPRESENTATIONS IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.  
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